in the Mental Hospital, Madras, committed suicide by hanging on a tree by the side of the main road of the hospital at midday on 28th February 1953?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

Pay and grade of Fire Brigade employees.

* 993 *Q.*—SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received any memorandum from the Fire Brigade employees of this State regarding the discrepancies shown to them in fixing up their pay and grade;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on the same; and

(*c*) if not, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government have not received any memorandum from the employees of the Fire Service Branch about their pay.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The question does not arise."

Report of the Bhattacharya Committee.

* 994 *Q.*—SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the recommendations or representations made by this Government to the Bhattacharya Committee were;

(*b*) whether the Government have received a copy of the report of the Committee; and

(*c*) if so, whether it will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No recommendations or representations were made by this Government to the Bhattacharya Committee.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) It is not in the public interest to place a copy of the report on the table of the House as the report is confidential."

War service candidates serving as judicial officers.

* 995 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many war service appointees now serve as judicial officers in the State;

(*b*) how many of them have been confirmed in their posts;

(*c*) whether their war service is given credit to in their judicial service;